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8 ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
9 PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING ON  
10 PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ARIZONA 4th PRIORITY  
11 COLORADO RIVER WATER:  
12 GSC FARM LLC TO THE TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

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**P R O C E E D I N G S**

MS. KARTHA: Good afternoon. For the record, today is Tuesday(sic), November 20th, 2019, and the time is 4:00 p.m. We are at the Parker Public Library at Parker, Arizona.

My name is Vineetha Kartha. I am the Manager for the Colorado River Section at the Arizona Department of Water Resources, and I will be facilitating today's meeting.

With me are Clint Chandler, Assistant Director; Douglas McEachern, Communications Administrator; Kelly Brown, Deputy Counsel; Sharon Scantlebury, Docket Supervisor; and Amy Levy, Water Resources Specialist. Also with me today from the Department is Tom Buschatzke, Director of the Department of Water Resources.

Because the ADWR is the entity that makes the recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior, the Director is here to listen to your comments and observe the proceedings but will not be making any comments or responding to any inquiries.

We are using an audio recorder to record your comments today. As such, it is important for speakers

1 to please speak up and speak slowly so that the audio  
2 recorder can accurately record your comments. If  
3 anyone has difficulty hearing me or a speaker, please  
4 let me know.

5 If you haven't already done so, please sign  
6 the sign-in sheet on the table near the entrance.  
7 There are also speaker cards available on the table.  
8 If you desire to speak today, please fill out a speaker  
9 card and submit your card to Sharon Scantlebury or Amy  
10 Levy. If you would like a speaker card at this time,  
11 please raise your hand and Amy can bring one over to  
12 you.

13 The purpose of today's meeting is to provide  
14 members of the public with the opportunity to make oral  
15 or written comments on the pending application for the  
16 proposed transfer of GSC Farm LLC's 4th Priority  
17 Colorado River Entitlement to the Town of Queen Creek.

18 Pursuant to the Department's substantive  
19 policy statement entitled "Policy and Procedure for  
20 Transferring an Entitlement of Colorado River Water,"  
21 the Department advertised the proposed transfer on  
22 November 7th and November 14th, 2019, in Arizona  
23 Republic, a newspaper of general circulation within the  
24 state of Arizona.

25 The application is also available on the

1 Department's website at: Azwater.gov. When you get to  
2 our home page, please scroll down to the current  
3 initiatives or hot topics, click on the link to  
4 Proposed Transfer of GSC Water to get to the web page.

5 The Department's substantive policy statement  
6 states that the Department will accept comments on a  
7 proposed transfer for 30 days following the second  
8 advertisement of the proposed transfer. Because the  
9 30th day following the second advertisement of this  
10 proposed transfer is a Sunday comment -- is a  
11 Saturday -- excuse me -- comments will be accepted  
12 until 5 p.m. on the following Monday, which is Monday,  
13 December 16th, 2019.

14 The Department held a public meeting at the  
15 ADWR offices yesterday and Bullhead City Council  
16 Chambers this morning and will also be holding meetings  
17 at the City of Yuma, City Council Chambers, tomorrow to  
18 provide members of the public additional opportunities  
19 to make oral or written comments on the proposed  
20 transfer. The times and locations of those meetings  
21 are shown on the Department's website at the address  
22 mentioned previously.

23 Today's meeting will be conducted in a formal  
24 manner. As I mentioned previously, an audio recorder  
25 is recording all of the statements. A copy of the

1 transcript will be available for review at the  
2 Department's office and will also be posted on the  
3 Department's website when it is available. Please be  
4 aware that the Department will not respond to questions  
5 or comments at today's meeting. If anyone has any  
6 questions or comments on issues or programs that are  
7 outside the scope of today's meeting, you can contact  
8 either me or one of our staff members after the  
9 meeting.

10           At the conclusion of the meeting, I will be  
11 accepting any written comments or documentary evidence  
12 that anyone may wish to submit to the Department  
13 regarding the pending application. The Department  
14 will also accept written comments until 5 p.m.,  
15 December 16th, 2019.

16           The written documents should be submitted to  
17 the Department's Docket Supervisor, Sharon Scantlebury  
18 by email to [sscantlebury@azwater.gov](mailto:sscantlebury@azwater.gov) or fax at  
19 602-771-8686. I will have a slide with Sharon's  
20 information as soon as I explain or go through with the  
21 proposed transfer. Sharon's business cards with her  
22 contact information are also available at the sign-in  
23 desk if you would like one.

24           Within 60 days from December 16th, 2019, the  
25 Director of ADWR will issue a recommendation regarding

1 the proposed transfer to the United States Secretary of  
2 the Interior, unless additional time is needed to  
3 resolve claims of negative impacts to third parties.

4 Some entities or individuals may claim that  
5 they will be negatively impacted if the proposed  
6 transfer is approved. If potential negative impacts  
7 are claimed, the Department will notify GSC Farm, LLC,  
8 and the Town of Queen Creek about the claimed impacts.

9 Upon notification of the claims, the  
10 Department will provide up to 90 days for all parties  
11 to attempt to resolve or mitigate the claimed impacts  
12 and to provide information to the Secretary. If agreed  
13 by all parties, an extension may be granted if more  
14 time is needed to resolve outstanding issues.

15 I will now describe the proposed transfer in  
16 greater detail.

17 My presentation today is roughly divided into  
18 three sections. I will start with a broad overview of  
19 the Department's authorities, followed by key points of  
20 the Substantive Policy Statement, the policy that  
21 guides mainstream Colorado River transfers.

22 Finally, I will go over the key details of  
23 the proposed transfer from GSC Farm, LLC, to the Town  
24 of Queen Creek.

25 Pursuant to State Statute at 45-105, the

1 Director is generally responsible for the management of  
2 and for formulating plans and programs for the  
3 development, conservation and use of surface and  
4 groundwater throughout the state.

5 Pursuant to State Statute at 45-107, the  
6 Director is to serve as the State's representative in  
7 matters relating to the State's interests in Colorado  
8 River, specifically the Director is authorized on  
9 behalf of the state of Arizona to consult, advise and  
10 cooperate with the Secretary of Interior of the United  
11 States.

12 In that regard, the Department of Water  
13 Resources is the entity charged with promoting,  
14 protecting and comprehensively managing Arizona's  
15 annual apportionment of 2.8 million acre-feet per year.

16 Consistent with these responsibilities under  
17 State Statute at 45-107, entities that contemplate the  
18 transfer of their entitlements are required to  
19 cooperate, confer and obtain the advice of the Director  
20 of the Department.

21 Due to the importance of the distribution of  
22 Colorado River water to the welfare and economy of the  
23 state and because in most cases mainstream water is the  
24 only dependable supply of water for urban, industrial  
25 and agricultural water users, Substantive Policy



1 Statement was adopted to ensure adequate and consistent  
2 evaluation of any proposed transfer of a Colorado River  
3 entitlement.

4           The policy statement establishes the policy  
5 and procedure for transferring an entitlement of  
6 Colorado River water, including leases. The policy  
7 statement also describes the criteria and analysis the  
8 Department will utilize to evaluate proposed transfers,  
9 including conveyances, leases or assignments, of  
10 mainstream Colorado River water.

11           After all the necessary documents have been  
12 submitted, conveyance and lease actions are subject to  
13 a public notice process. The public notice process  
14 includes advertising the proposed transfer once a week  
15 for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general  
16 circulation within the state.

17           The Department will also provide notice to  
18 the County Planning and Zoning Department office within  
19 the county of origin. In this case, for GSC Farms to  
20 Queen Creek, an advertisement was published in the  
21 Arizona Republic on November 7th and 14th, and a notice  
22 was sent to the La Paz County Planning and Zoning  
23 Department.

24           The contractor conveying its entitlement must  
25 provide notice to all water users within its contract

1 service area. The Department also maintains a list of  
2 interested parties, and notices are sent to those  
3 entities as well.

4 The Director will review any proposed  
5 transfer by a non-Federal Arizona contractor of the  
6 Colorado River entitlement for the purpose of  
7 determining the potential impacts caused by the  
8 redistribution of water.

9 During the review of an application, the  
10 Director will consider several factors including  
11 potential negative impacts to the water supplies of  
12 other Colorado River entitlement holders, water quality  
13 impacts to the water supplies of other Colorado River  
14 entitlement holders, and water quality impacts related  
15 to return flows and other pertinent impacts that could  
16 occur as a result of the proposed transfer.

17 Public comment is also considered during the  
18 Department's review. The Director will issue a  
19 recommendation within 60 days from the end of the  
20 comment period unless additional time is needed to  
21 resolve claims of negative impacts to third parties.  
22 If there are claims of negative impacts, the Department  
23 will provide up to 90 days for all parties to resolve  
24 or mitigate claimed impacts. An extension may be  
25 requested.

1           This slide provides a snapshot of the  
2 transferring entity, GSC Farm, LLC. GSC Farm, LLC, is  
3 located within La Paz County. GSC Farm currently holds  
4 a Section 5 contract with the U.S. Bureau of  
5 Reclamation for a Colorado River Arizona 4th Priority  
6 Diversion Entitlement of 2,913.3 acre-feet per year.

7           GSC Farm owns around 504 gross acres of land,  
8 out of which 485.5 acres are irrigable. Based on the  
9 information provided to the Department by the GSC Farm,  
10 all the irrigable acres are being irrigated annually.

11           GSC Farm is proposing to transfer a  
12 consumptive use volume of 2,083.1 acre-feet. This  
13 quantification is based on an unmeasured return flow  
14 factor of 28.5 percent. If the Colorado River water  
15 entitlement is transferred from GSC Farm, these lands  
16 will be retired from agricultural production.

17           Future water supplies that may be available  
18 to these lands include Cibola Valley Irrigation and  
19 Drainage District, which holds 300 acre-feet per year  
20 of 4th priority entitlement for domestic use, which  
21 could serve as a water supply for potential development  
22 of the land.

23           The Town of Queen Creek is a receiving entity  
24 located within Maricopa and Pinal Counties. The  
25 request for consultation states that the Town of Queen

1 Creek's current annual demand is 15,100 acre-feet.  
2 Queen Creek fulfills these demands through a  
3 groundwater supply of 42,421 acre-feet, a CAP supply of  
4 495 acre-feet and an effluent supply of 2,000  
5 acre-feet. Queen Creek's future demand is expected to  
6 be 43,500 acre-feet.

7 In addition to the proposed transfer of the  
8 Colorado River water, the request for consultation  
9 states that Queen Creek's foreseeable future water  
10 sources include an additional 4,100 acre-feet of CAP  
11 water and 8,000 acre-feet of effluent supplies.

12 Queen Creek proposes to store the transferred  
13 water within the Roosevelt Water Conservation District  
14 and recover water within Queen Creek's service area.  
15 The proposed transfer will change the place of use,  
16 type of use and the point of diversion.

17 The request for consultation that was  
18 submitted by GSC and Queen Creek also include other  
19 supporting documents such as Section 5 contracts and a  
20 purchase agreement between GSC and Queen Creek. These  
21 documents are available for viewing and downloading on  
22 the Department's website.

23 This concludes my presentation on the  
24 proposed transfer. This presentation is also posted on  
25 our website. The ADWR presentation was already posted

1 yesterday, the Bullhead City presentation from this  
2 morning is already on the website as well, and this  
3 will be posted as soon as this meeting is over.

4 We shall now move on to the public comment  
5 segment of the agenda.

6 As I mentioned earlier -- as I mentioned  
7 earlier, the purpose of today's meeting is to provide  
8 members of the public with the opportunity to make oral  
9 or written comments on the pending application for the  
10 proposed transfer of GSC Farm LLC's 4th Priority  
11 Colorado River Water Entitlement to the Town of Queen  
12 Creek.

13 We, therefore, want to ensure that every  
14 person who wishes to speak today has an opportunity to  
15 be heard, so I will ask that only one person speak at a  
16 time. All speakers should use a microphone and give  
17 their name and affiliation.

18 All comments should be addressed to the  
19 Arizona Department of Water Resources, should be  
20 relevant to the application, and should be respectful  
21 of the process.

22 Each speaker will be allowed no more than  
23 three minutes so that everyone has an opportunity to  
24 speak. Time allotted for public comments can be used  
25 most efficiently by selecting a single representative

1 to speak on behalf of a group or organization.

2 Please be respectful and allow the speaker to  
3 proceed without interruptions. This will allow us all  
4 to hear and listen to each other's comments and for the  
5 recorder to accurately capture today's dialogue.

6 I will now begin calling names of the  
7 individuals who submitted speaker cards. If you wish  
8 to speak and have not filled out a speaker card, please  
9 fill out one of the cards on the table near the  
10 entrance and provide your card to either Sharon or Amy.

11 When I call your name, please come up to the  
12 podium -- or please come up here, state your name,  
13 identify any person or entity that you represent and  
14 then give your comments.

15 The first speaker is State Representative  
16 Regina Cobb.

17 MS. COBB: Thank you. For the record,  
18 Regina Cobb, State Representative, District 5. I  
19 represent La Paz County and Mohave County. This is my  
20 third meeting in the last two days on this. So I -- on  
21 the first meeting, I told them they're going to get  
22 tired of looking at this mug, and they probably are at  
23 this point.

24 The first meeting we -- I spoke to all of --  
25 all of the -- the members at ADWR and in the room in

1 Phoenix about a lot of facts, and I had some really  
2 great people come behind me and actually explain the  
3 facts even in more detail and then listened to all of  
4 the comments that we had during that meeting, and then  
5 this morning we were in Bullhead City, heard some more  
6 facts.

7           And one of the things that I said when I was  
8 in this morning's meeting was is that when I left the  
9 ADWR meeting, I had a reporter ask me who Greenstone  
10 was, and I had a really difficult time finding them.  
11 And so I found them. They're a Delaware company. And  
12 to make no mistake they are a water broker.

13           Later on during the meeting this morning,  
14 Mr. -- Mr. Wade Noble had came out and said have no  
15 mistakes they are a water broker. They're going to be  
16 making a lot of money off of this. And what he  
17 announced was that the proponents of this water bill is  
18 going to make 20 million dollars on this, 20 plus  
19 million if I calculated right. It was over 20 million.  
20 Yeah, I don't want -- I'll try not to back into this.  
21 And then what's Cibola going to make out of this?  
22 12,000. Who do you think is the winner in this -- in  
23 this factor?

24           The other thing that he also pointed out is  
25 is that they will tell you it's not going to open up

1 the floodgates. Who do you think is going to come in  
2 and who do you think is going to want to -- to not want  
3 to try to get their 4th priority rights taken off of  
4 the Colorado River and going into Central Phoenix or  
5 Central Maricopa County. They're all going to want to  
6 do that.

7           Today earlier I thought it was disingenuous  
8 of a couple of speakers that came out and said that  
9 they were simply farmers, that they weren't board  
10 members of the MVIDD. They didn't say they weren't  
11 board members but they are board members. That was the  
12 group that came out against us and wanted the water  
13 first and the ones we fought for the last two years.

14           But yet they come today and say that we're  
15 just farmers here, talking just as farmers, and we're  
16 representing ourselves, and that's not true because as  
17 soon as they get up, guess what they're going to go  
18 back and do. They're going to do the same thing.

19           I just wanted to say thank you to Director  
20 Buschatzke and to all of the group that came for the  
21 last three days to all the communities, and they will  
22 be in Yuma tomorrow, and I just think it's so important  
23 that they listen to the community members, our  
24 community leaders, our mayors, all our people here. I  
25 just am so glad that they came out and gave you the



1 opportunity to speak on yourself.

2 And thank you today for coming again, and I  
3 won't see you tomorrow, and I know you'll miss me,  
4 so...

5 MS. KARTHA: Could I please have Holly  
6 Irwin, La Paz County Supervisor, please.

7 MS. IRWIN: Good afternoon. My name is  
8 Holly Irwin, and I'm with La Paz County Board of  
9 Supervisors representing -- I was going to do the same  
10 thing -- District 3 -- and thank you Representative  
11 Cobb for being here and Mr. Director Buschatzke for  
12 putting this on today, having everybody here.

13 Representative Cobb said it well. I don't  
14 want to duplicate exactly what she had said, but water  
15 is a very important natural resource, not only for  
16 La Paz County but for the state of Arizona, and we're  
17 finding that it's becoming more and more scarce in  
18 certain areas, the bigger counties, and they will  
19 continue to reach out to the smaller communities and  
20 try to, you know, transfer water down to the bigger  
21 counties, and the amount of money that we are not going  
22 to be receiving, if this does go through, is -- is  
23 devastating.

24 You know, you're going to have a bunch of  
25 water that's going to be diverted. They're going to

1 make millions, and it's going to be at La Paz County's  
2 expense again. And at some point this needs to stop.

3 So I'm here representing the county. The  
4 Board of Supervisors this past Monday just passed a  
5 resolution opposing this transfer, and you will be  
6 receiving a signed copy of that as well to -- to submit  
7 to you, and I just wanted to state our position as a  
8 county, and, you know, we need to keep the water here  
9 and we need to keep it for our future, not for  
10 Maricopa, not for Pinal and not for Pima.

11 So thank you very much, and I'll end it with  
12 that.

13 MS. KARTHA: Could we have Gary Watson,  
14 Mohave County Supervisor also, please.

15 I'm just going to stand. It's easier than  
16 passing the mic around.

17 MR. WATSON: You're more than welcome to  
18 stand with me. How's that?

19 I'd like to thank the Department and Director  
20 Buschatzke for having these field operations and these  
21 hearings. It's really important to all the people in  
22 Mohave County and La Paz County and to Parker. Thank  
23 you for hosting these three out of four here on the  
24 river, and we really appreciate that.

25 The only thing I have for you this morning or

1 this afternoon is one is a resolution from the County  
2 Supervisors Association. That association represents  
3 every county in Arizona, and the other resolution I  
4 have is from Mohave County, which unanimously adopted a  
5 resolution that will be opposing the permanent transfer  
6 of 4th priority Colorado River water and transferring  
7 it to the -- Maricopa, Pinal and Pima, and with that  
8 I'd like to thank you very much.

9 MS. KARTHA: Could we have Cal Sheehy,  
10 Mayor of Lake Havasu City.

11 MAYOR SHEEHY: Good afternoon everyone.  
12 My name is Cal Sheehy, and I'm the Mayor of Lake Havasu  
13 City. I would like to thank the Director and the  
14 Arizona Department of Water Resources for joining us in  
15 rural Arizona, specifically in the Colorado River  
16 cities today.

17 Water is vitally important to our Arizona  
18 communities, all of them, and Colorado River water is  
19 paramount to the further growth of our communities. We  
20 thank you for taking this issue seriously and listening  
21 to our comments.

22 We have shared interests in protecting the  
23 water for all Arizona communities.

24 Lake Havasu City has plans for growth and  
25 development that are 5 years, 10 years, 25 years, and

1 50 years out, and they're outlined in our Lake Havasu  
2 City General Plan that was adopted by our voters in  
3 2016.

4 We need to protect our water entitlements to  
5 see if these plans come to fruition. Unlike the  
6 Central Arizona communities, Lake Havasu City and the  
7 river communities lack alternate sources of water.

8 Water is essential for our continued economic  
9 vitality and growth. We cannot afford to be hindered  
10 because other communities need additional water  
11 resources.

12 Lake Havasu City is only 50 years old, and we  
13 are in the process of growing our economic base and our  
14 community. We cannot allow permanent water transfers  
15 out of the Colorado River area to impact our future.

16 Lake Havasu City is opposed to any permanent  
17 water transfers from the Colorado River.

18 Again, thank you for visiting us and  
19 listening to our comments.

20 MS. KARTHA: Our next speaker is Wade  
21 Noble.

22 MR. NOBLE: My name is Wade Noble.  
23 I represent Yuma Irrigation District, Wellton-Mohawk  
24 Irrigation and Drainage District, North Gila Valley  
25 Irrigation District, and Unit B Irrigation and Drainage

1 District, all located within Yuma County.

2 Yuma Irrigation District and North Gila  
3 Valley Irrigation Drainage District oppose this  
4 particular proposal. Wellton-Mohawk is seriously  
5 concerned about it and Unit B has some of the same  
6 concerns.

7 This is a question of policy, solely of  
8 policy. Mr. Director, you're going to hear lots of  
9 things on legitimate items concerning legalities, the  
10 contract, what it means, interpretation of the  
11 contract, but in many ways for us the main decision is  
12 a policy because it's an attempt to move water off the  
13 river, take it out of agriculture, and so that causes  
14 us some concerns.

15 For those of you who haven't been at the  
16 previous two hearings, our apologies because we  
17 probably aren't going to repeat what we said there. It  
18 just bores us.

19 At any rate, what we have heard today is you  
20 don't need to fear this transfer. It's not that much  
21 water. Probably can't put any more water, not much  
22 more water in the CAP canal. It's at capacity. And  
23 besides other things, we're not going to be able to --  
24 well, it's isolated.

25 Let me address each of those. This is a

1 proposal by GSC Farm, LLC to move water off of their  
2 458 acres or something of that nature where they're  
3 going to move water off of the river and agriculture.  
4 This is not isolated. This is not a small amount of  
5 water.

6           You need to understand that -- commonly known  
7 as Greenstone -- it's cousins, Water Asset Management,  
8 and they are the progeny of Vidler. All of those are  
9 involved in transferring water. That's what they're  
10 about. They want to market it. And when they market  
11 the water, obviously, if you don't have a right to it,  
12 then you can't keep it on the river, or you don't have  
13 the money to pay for it, then they're going to simply  
14 say we have a higher and better use. Therefore, we  
15 should be able to move it.

16           We are concerned because, as we look at Water  
17 Asset Management and we look at Greenstone, they are  
18 open and obvious about -- where's the green card?

19           VOICE: You've got 10 seconds.

20           MR. NOBLE: 10 seconds. I'm going to  
21 repeat this: This is the gate. We need to keep it  
22 closed.

23           MS. KARTHA: Next we have Mike Pearce.

24           MR. PEARCE: Thank you to the Department  
25 of Water Resources and to the citizens for coming out.

1 It's nice to be in Parker. It's one of my favorite  
2 cities in -- in the state of Arizona. I have very fond  
3 memories of being here.

4 In fact, one of the things I'd like to talk  
5 about today is the efforts that I've put in over the  
6 years in La Paz County. There's been a lot of talk  
7 about the evil of transfers and -- and how wrong they  
8 are.

9 I have worked on three individual transfers  
10 of Colorado River water entitlements, all to the  
11 benefit of La Paz County.

12 The first was many years ago. There was a  
13 gentleman that wanted to develop a Travel Plaza in  
14 Ehrenberg, and he needed water, and we went and bought  
15 water from a landowner in Cibola basin and transferred  
16 the water right up to the Travel Plaza.

17 It took a long time to get it built, but it's  
18 built. And it's the Union 76 now that's on the  
19 northwest corner of Ehrenberg Road and the I-10, and  
20 that was water that came out of Cibola Valley to the  
21 benefit of La Paz's economic development.

22 Shortly after that, I was approached by then  
23 County Supervisor Gene Fisher. When Mohave County came  
24 down and bought -- and, yes, I said "bought" water from  
25 La Paz County, part of the deal was that La Paz County

1 could option 350 acre-feet of that, and Mr. Fisher was  
2 determined that La Paz County was going to get that  
3 water.

4           And as I understood it from him, he had quite  
5 a hard sell in La Paz County. People didn't think it  
6 was worth it. They didn't think they should spend the  
7 money on it, but Mr. Fisher was determined, so  
8 determined, in fact, he and I had to appear in  
9 bankruptcy court one day together to plead with the  
10 judge to get a claim release so that we could prove the  
11 transfer. And then we had to race up to then Director  
12 of Water Resources Herb Guenther's office, and plead  
13 with him to approve the transfer. Then we had to race  
14 up to Bullhead City and plead with then Regional  
15 Director Bob Johnson to approve the transfer, all  
16 before the option deadline expired, but we did it.

17           And I thought it was an excellent idea at the  
18 time. And I think it was an excellent idea today and  
19 because of that there's that 350 acre-feet now sitting  
20 in La Paz County.

21           And third, I'm pleased to say, just recently  
22 a new and I think very upscale recreational vehicle and  
23 mobile home park is being built in Ehrenberg. They're  
24 going to be served by Ehrenberg Improvement District,  
25 both sewer and water, but EID, as they're called,



1 insisted that the developer bring its own water with  
2 them, and so we went into the marketplace, bought  
3 water, and last week the Director of Water Resources  
4 issued a formal letter approving that transfer from  
5 Cibola Valley to EID for the benefit of La Paz County.

6 So this is kind of the way the world is going  
7 to work now.

8 And I think La Paz has a very bright future  
9 if they pursue it. Thank you.

10 MS. KARTHA: Our next speaker is Grady  
11 Gammage.

12 MR. GAMMAGE: Thank you. My name is  
13 Grady Gammage, Junior. My address is 2 North Central  
14 in Phoenix. And I'm also an attorney for GSC Farms.

15 The history of the Western U.S. and the  
16 history of Arizona is a history of moving water. Water  
17 transfers are a necessary and inherent part of good  
18 water management. We wouldn't have the CAP canal. We  
19 wouldn't have the Salt River Project if we hadn't  
20 realized the need to move water to where people are and  
21 to where people want to live.

22 Mike, I think, did a good job of explaining  
23 how some of the recent water transfers had benefited  
24 this area.

25 In this case, we are trying to transfer water

1     that is the result of a diversion that was created in  
2     the 1950s by the prior owner of this property.

3             We have a lot of debate about whether or not  
4     that constitutes a property right. I was surprised to  
5     hear this morning from Ms. Kelley that not only is it  
6     not a property right but that you're apparently not  
7     allowed to charge for moving water. That is  
8     inconsistent with the whole history of water transfers  
9     and how they have worked.

10            This water belongs to GS -- GSC Farms, and we  
11     have applied and asked to transfer it to Queen Creek  
12     because Queen Creek has a serious need that you'll hear  
13     about from Paul Gardner.

14            Queen Creek is served primarily just by the  
15     Groundwater Replenishment District. Arizona water  
16     policy is to try to get municipal growth off of the  
17     Groundwater Replenishment District and onto a  
18     sustainable resource. This is a sustainable resource.  
19     That's why we're here. That's why this makes sense.

20            I -- I got accused of denigrating Cibola. I  
21     have not been denigrating Cibola. What I said is  
22     Cibola is isolated. It is an unusual geography, and  
23     this is part of the question that faces the Department  
24     of Water Resources is how do you balance the equities  
25     and how do you balance the impacts here.

1 Cibola is isolated because you have to go to  
2 California to get to it, and all of the economic  
3 benefit of that property flows out of Arizona into  
4 California.

5 This would result in far greater economic  
6 benefit being in the Queen Creek area and being here  
7 for Arizonans.

8 And, finally, I want to talk for just a  
9 minute about something that Mike has talked previously  
10 about, which is this notion that this water is part of  
11 water that was specifically reserved to be used for  
12 on-river urban growth.

13 The on-river communities only use about  
14 40 percent of the water they currently have for urban  
15 growth, so there is already enough water in the  
16 on-river communities for about the next 50 or 60 years,  
17 even assuming a fairly robust growth rate.

18 After that the logical way to grow is, as has  
19 been the case in the rest of Arizona, that some small  
20 amount of agriculture -- because it is so much more  
21 intense in the water use -- is retired as urban growth  
22 occurs if growth gets to that point.

23 We need this water in Maricopa County and  
24 Pinal County now, and GSC Farms is an owner and has a  
25 right to seek a transaction that makes sense. That's

1 what they're doing. This is good water management, and  
2 it's a good decision for the entire state of Arizona.  
3 Thank you.

4 MS. KARTHA: Our next speaker is Paul  
5 Gardner.

6 MR. GARDNER: Hi, I'm Paul Gardner. I'm  
7 the Director of Utilities for the Town of Queen Creek  
8 and the main reason why you all are here tonight.  
9 Enjoy your evening with me.

10 We have -- I don't want to keep repeating  
11 some of the things, but some of the issues that have  
12 been raised in previous meetings is that we are only  
13 looking at this source of water.

14 And a couple of things I want to talk about  
15 is we have a legal right to pump 43,000 acre-feet a  
16 year of groundwater, and we have a very large aquifer  
17 where we live.

18 We are looking -- Our Town Council has  
19 charged me to go out and find renewable sources to  
20 replace the groundwater that we would pump in the  
21 future with a renewable supply, so the idea behind  
22 this -- and we're not growing our portfolio, we're  
23 trying to limit the amount of groundwater we will pump  
24 in the future.

25 This 2,000 acre-feet goes a portion of the

1 way to taking care of those future needs, not pumping  
2 groundwater.

3 Harquahala has been mentioned in several  
4 meetings, and we are a co-applicant with a group from  
5 Harquahala of trying to get water into the canal, but  
6 there are many hurdles on getting that water into the  
7 canal. One of them is on the water quality issues that  
8 have not been defined yet by CAP.

9 The Colorado River water entitlements are  
10 such that if it gets into the CAP canal, it's like it's  
11 other water that's in the CAP canal, and it meets the  
12 drinking -- the standards that they have set.

13 The Harquahala water we do not know what  
14 standards will have to be met today, tomorrow, in the  
15 future.

16 There are issues with that water supply of  
17 having to do treatment before even getting it into the  
18 canal.

19 There is also pushback that we have had from  
20 other parties that don't even want Harquahala to be  
21 pumped, and so those are some of the issues that we're  
22 trying to struggle with as we look at other water  
23 supplies.

24 GRWS has been mentioned, which for those that  
25 are in the water world is the Gila River Water Tribe's.

1 We're looking at those, but there are -- are strings  
2 that come attached with that called long-term storage  
3 credits, which could be a whole nother hour of  
4 discussion, and those are not feasible for us at this  
5 time as a utility or as a water community, so -- but we  
6 are working with the GRWS group of trying to figure out  
7 what supplies can be done.

8 We're also working with the Department. We  
9 have a 4,100 acre-foot of NIA water that we've been  
10 waiting since 2014 to be issued by the Bureau of  
11 Reclamation, and we're still waiting.

12 So we're looking at all sorts of water  
13 supplies. This isn't what we consider a raid of coming  
14 over to -- to the Colorado River to raid. We're just  
15 looking at renewable supplies that will meet our growth  
16 and meet our current demands that we have now. Thank  
17 you.

18 MS. KARTHA: Our next speaker is Ronald  
19 Swan.

20 MR. SWAN: I came to Cibola first part  
21 of 1968. We had no water contract. Later we got the  
22 water contract. We said then that the water belonged  
23 to the people that had the ground. They got the  
24 contract, and that's the way it is now.

25 And we allowed Mohave County people to move

1    their water, and they've taken that away. And we sell  
2    our crops all over the world, and it's wrong for us to  
3    have to sit here and get nothing -- personally nothing  
4    out of our water when we've worked here for all of our  
5    lives for; and if we can't sell it, that is totally  
6    wrong. We should be able to sell it. It affects us  
7    very much. And there is no reason -- it's such a  
8    smaller deal -- we can't move it to Central Arizona.

9                    Thank you.

10                   MS. KARTHA: Our next speaker is Michael  
11   Curtis.

12                   MR. CURTIS: Four minutes.

13                   MS. KARTHA: Because Mike Curtis  
14   represents more than one entity, we'll be giving him an  
15   extra minute.

16                   MR. CURTIS: Michael Curtis on behalf of  
17   the Cortara-Marana Irrigation District, the Avra Valley  
18   Irrigation District. Both of those are in Pima County.  
19   They don't have water problems but they're agriculture,  
20   and also the Hohokam District.

21                   By the way, while I've been sitting here  
22   listening, I want you to know this is a wonderful  
23   library. It's a wonderful library because there's this  
24   book right here. The name of this book is called The  
25   Colorado. I give it to you because it is by Frank

1 Waters, 1946, and it is a book on the history of the  
2 Colorado River.

3 Our agriculture clients believe in  
4 communities. They believe in fostering communities and  
5 helping them grow, urbanize and expand.

6 The Town of Marana would not exist except the  
7 Cortana-Marana Irrigation District and others got  
8 together and they created the town. They're partners  
9 with the town. They're partners with Oro Valley.  
10 They're partners with the City of Tucson and Pima  
11 County.

12 In the Coolidge area, the Hohokam Irrigation  
13 and Drainage District, as early as 1993, became  
14 partners with the municipal cities in Phoenix, and they  
15 worked with each other to help sustain the Hohokam  
16 community and now Hohokam helps sustain Florence and  
17 Coolidge and Casa Grande.

18 We believe -- my clients believe in  
19 communities and partnerships, and the history of  
20 agriculture has been to always work in cooperation with  
21 communities to help them grow, and they feed off of  
22 each other to mutual benefit.

23 Queen Creek needs the water for its  
24 urbanization, and we believe that this is a proposal  
25 that is unique. It's not like other proposals. Some



1 of which have been rejected. This is a unique  
2 proposal. We think each proposal should be studied to  
3 see if it's unique.

4           The law is clear, we believe, as Mr. Pearce  
5 has said, that the contract is fungible. By that I  
6 mean, people who have worked hard and have property, my  
7 clients believe ought to be able to manage their  
8 property, manage their portfolio. And when the time  
9 comes if they want to sell it, they ought to sell it,  
10 and if somebody else wants it, they could be a  
11 competition, but the property belongs to the people who  
12 have spent their lives working to develop it and the  
13 water rights here have gone as in Cibola.

14           In the early 50s my family refused to go to  
15 Cibola because they didn't have water rights. We  
16 looked at the place and the river ran through it, but  
17 we heard everybody was just stealing the water, and we  
18 didn't want to be involved with that. So now they have  
19 a contract, and the contract belongs to the  
20 agriculturists that are in Cibola.

21           We believe -- my clients that this is a  
22 unique situation and, therefore, we think that under  
23 the way in which we operate today in our society, free  
24 enterprise, that this is not going to rob the future of  
25 the river communities because the statistics that we've

1    seen indicate there will be an extraordinary amount of  
2    water left on the river for growth for this 10, 15 or  
3    30 or 50 years in the future.

4           Therefore, these three entities, believing in  
5    partnerships, lend their support to this unique  
6    application. Thank you.

7           MS. KARTHA: Our next speaker --

8           MR. CURTIS: Do you want to give me the  
9    book back?

10          MS. KARTHA: Our next speaker is Mike  
11   Bonney.

12          MR. BONNEY: Thank you. You almost had  
13   it right. It's Mike Bonney, B-o-n-n-e-y. I am here  
14   representing Lake Havasu -- Lake Havasu Area Chamber of  
15   Commerce as a past chairman and past president of Lake  
16   Havasu Hospitality Association. I'm also a partner in  
17   a local CPA firm. I'm a local businessperson who  
18   understands the economic value of small businesses as  
19   well as the need to sustain and grow the local economy.

20                 Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce  
21   represents over 650 businesses in Mohave and La Paz  
22   Counties and in excess of 15,000 employees.

23                 The Chamber opposes the transfer of 2,088  
24   acre-feet of water from La Paz County to Queen City.

25                 Queen City has estimated an economic value of

1 307 million dollars should the transfer be approved.  
2 This results in an economic loss of a similar amount to  
3 the river communities where those dollars rightfully  
4 belong.

5 In addition, Queen City estimates 15 counties  
6 in Central Arizona would realize an economic value of  
7 5.2 million. Does that mean Central Arizona is more  
8 entitled to more water and thus more economic value  
9 than the rest of the state? I think not.

10 Approval of this transfer will set a  
11 dangerous precedent for future water transfers. The  
12 river communities need the water for future economic  
13 development and growth.

14 Far more than 2,088 acre-feet of water are at  
15 risk here. The economic vitality, stability and  
16 sustainability of river communities including Lake  
17 Havasu City are at stake as -- and are determinate on  
18 maintaining the status quo.

19 On behalf of Lake Havasu Area Chamber of  
20 Commerce, I respectfully request this agency deny the  
21 transfer, furthermore, I respectfully request all  
22 future requests for transfer of 4th priority water to  
23 assure the river communities do not have to continue  
24 this fight.

25 Thank you for being here and for listening.

1 MS. KARTHA: Our next speaker is David  
2 McAtlin.

3 MR. MCATLIN: I'm here representing Lake  
4 Havasu City Chamber as well. And Mr. Bonney stated our  
5 opposition, so...

6 MS. KARTHA: Let the record state that  
7 Mr. David McAtlin has given up his time.

8 Our next speaker is Gordon Grant(sic).

9 MR. GROAT: Groat.

10 MS. KARTHA: Sorry.

11 MR. GROAT: Everybody already has said  
12 what I had, you know, here. Oh, man. Flying by the  
13 seat of my pants now, but it's something that I'm  
14 interested in. So my name is Gordon Groat, and I am a  
15 member of the Lake Havasu Council, but I'm not speaking  
16 for Council. Our great Mayor Cal Sheehy is here. He  
17 speaks for our Council. I'm just talking as a regular  
18 guy but have an interest in this.

19 Now, one of the things that I get a kick out  
20 of is we talk about water as though there's plenty of  
21 it and we can just transfer it around the place.

22 Well, I've got news for you. When we  
23 actually did the allocations on the Colorado River way  
24 back at the early part of 20th century, Tree-Ring  
25 Research shows us that we did it at a time of great

1 abundance, some of the greatest abundance in the  
2 history of this state, and so we have what we call a  
3 structural deficit, as is posted by the Bureau of  
4 Reclamation, of approximately 1.2 million acre-feet a  
5 year. That's a lot of water.

6 Oh, but the story gets better. So the  
7 greatest project, which is a joint project, which is a  
8 NASA project with another country, we use two  
9 satellites, and we use those satellites to go over --  
10 because we don't really have a lot of great groundwater  
11 records; but using satellites, we can actually measure  
12 gravitational pull.

13 And by doing that we can use aggressive  
14 statistics and extrapolate how much gravitational pull  
15 has changed. This allows us to calculate the amount of  
16 water that we have used from groundwater supplies, so  
17 we've got a 1.2 million acre-foot structural deficit on  
18 this river.

19 Oh, and by the way Mexico has a claim on this  
20 too, so this is a litigious issue instead of -- in  
21 addition to a policy issue. We have lost over a  
22 nine-year period, ending in 2014, 53 million acre-feet,  
23 estimated, of groundwater supplies.

24 When we talk about acre-feet, people don't  
25 really get their head around that too well, so that's

1 enough water to fill Lake Mead twice.

2 Now, the most recent study came out in 2019,  
3 and that's kind of looking at a more focused area,  
4 which shows us that we are losing groundwater supplies  
5 on a recharge capacity in every single month of the  
6 year.

7 So when we start talking about sending, oh, a  
8 couple thousand acre-feet here, a couple thousand  
9 acre-feet there, we're -- we're talking about a  
10 problem. A problem that could turn into a big problem.

11 And the people of La Paz County probably know  
12 that better than anybody because they see their water,  
13 their groundwater supplies exported by way of alfalfa  
14 to the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, depleting groundwater  
15 supplies and our surface water supplies at a structural  
16 deficit.

17 We're crazy to start transferring water off  
18 the main stem because the people here simply don't have  
19 any spare water.

20 And as has been pointed out, I'm sure Queen  
21 Creek is a great place to live, very desirable. Yeah,  
22 I like that. But out here we think this is a desirable  
23 place to live too, and we think we have a right to  
24 prosper economically.

25 Some people might argue that this is a case

1 of the rich taking away from the not so rich. I would  
2 just point out that the average income of about  
3 25 percent of the people in Queen Creek is between  
4 100,000 and 150,000 dollars a year. The average median  
5 income in Queen Creek is like 89,000. I think I need  
6 to move there for a job.

7 But the moral of the story is we have a huge  
8 water shortage in this area, and we deserve the right  
9 to grow. We deserve the right to prosper as our  
10 Chamber representatives have said, and we don't think  
11 it's a good idea to transfer water, so I'm in  
12 opposition. Thank you.

13 MS. KARTHA: Thank you, Mr. Groat.

14 Our next speaker is Mark Clark.

15 MR. CLARK: My name is Mark Clark. For  
16 the record, I'm a Bullhead City Councilman, and I'm  
17 also the Chairman of the Mohave County Water Authority.

18 I said most of what I had to say this  
19 morning. Just for the record again, I am in opposition  
20 to this. Mohave County Water Authority is in  
21 opposition to this, and the City of Bullhead City is in  
22 opposition to this.

23 I'd like to address just a couple of things,  
24 though, here.

25 First of all, just to reiterate, we on the

1 river have no other sources of water. Colorado River  
2 water is all we have available to us. We have no  
3 groundwater. We have no in-state streams. We have no  
4 entity like CAGRD to look -- to try and save us.

5 So the Town of Queen Creek -- and I can  
6 empathize with them -- they are looking at other  
7 sources. I think they need to stop looking to the  
8 river along with other entities like CAGRD, who just a  
9 couple of years ago was looking to take water from the  
10 Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District and  
11 transfer it down to the Phoenix -- Central Phoenix  
12 area.

13 We along the river need this water for our  
14 economic well-being.

15 And the fact that -- that water has been  
16 transferred -- In fact, Mr. Pearce spoke about it.  
17 There have been water transfers along the river, but  
18 they've moved up and down the river, and we're all for  
19 that.

20 A farmer back here mentioned earlier that  
21 Mohave County transferred water up from Cibola a few  
22 years ago. We did. Those kinds of transfers were  
23 great for the river communities because we share, but  
24 that water needs to be used on the river. There are  
25 entities on the river that need additional water



1 supplies.

2 We can't afford to have this water move into  
3 Central Phoenix and not be used on the river.

4 There's an entity just north of the City of  
5 Lake Havasu City that's looking for additional water  
6 supplies.

7 Developers have been trying to develop in  
8 that area, and they have been told that they can't --  
9 they don't have any water for them. They need to bring  
10 water with them in order to develop just as the folks  
11 in Ehrenberg were told to bring water, which Mr. Pearce  
12 just spoke about.

13 So I'd like to conclude by just saying we  
14 need this water on the river. We have uses for this  
15 water on the river. Please don't move this water off  
16 the river. Thank you.

17 MS. KARTHA: Our next speaker is Jamie  
18 Kelley.

19 MS. KELLEY: Good afternoon. My name is  
20 Jamie Kelley. My address is 2031 Highway 95, Bullhead  
21 City, Arizona, and I am here to speak as a resident of  
22 a river community.

23 I'd like to thank the Department of Water  
24 Resources for the opportunity -- any river community --  
25 to express opposition to the transfer.

1           You've heard a lot of the information. This  
2 is my third time on this topic. I just want to touch  
3 again that this water, Colorado River water, is  
4 different than other surface water in Arizona.

5           Surface water in Arizona is, in fact, a  
6 private property right that can be severed and  
7 transferred.

8           This water is different. It was Federalized  
9 years ago with the Colorado River Compact and the  
10 Boulder Canyon Project Act.

11           You can only use 4th priority water pursuant  
12 to a Section 5 contract. This water -- or the contract  
13 creates a use-of-right right, the right to use the  
14 water on a defined area of land for a defined purpose.

15           The contract or the water is not freely  
16 fungible, as Mr. Curtis would have you believe, because  
17 there's a transfer process and the transfer is  
18 restricted by the contract.

19           And in this particular contract at Paragraph  
20 36, it states that GSC Farms has no right to receive  
21 any benefit from the water other than the right to use  
22 the water, and that's how Section 5 contracts are  
23 viewed.

24           We've heard testimony that it's our water.  
25 We've been using it for years. It's our water. We've

1 worked hard for it. Well, yes, you've earned a very  
2 nice living from the use of that water. It does not  
3 mean you own that water.

4 And, finally, as we all wind down, it's  
5 almost -- it's offensive to sit in these hearings and  
6 hear that Central Arizona is more entitled to growth  
7 than the river communities are because there's greater  
8 economic benefit.

9 There's a quality of life in rural  
10 communities and the rural communities are entitled to  
11 grow. You move the water away from the river, you  
12 destroy their ability to grow and thrive economically.  
13 Thank you.

14 MS. KARTHA: Our next speaker is Patrick  
15 Cunningham.

16 MR. CUNNINGHAM: Thank you so much.  
17 Patrick Cunningham, HighGround Public Affairs,  
18 represent Mohave County, Mohave County Water Authority.

19 If you had gone to all three meetings so far,  
20 you would enjoy this debate even more because  
21 proponents made their arguments, and then we countered  
22 in the next meeting. We made our arguments. They  
23 countered in the next meeting. Now we're in the third  
24 meeting. In the fourth meeting in Yuma there will be a  
25 bon fire and a keg.

1           I unfortunately cannot be there. You'll see  
2 Jeff Kros from our office. I'll be somewhere else and  
3 I'll be sad.

4           This has been a very good debate, and we have  
5 brought out lots of good issues. We do not agree on  
6 much. We in the river communities oppose the transfer  
7 of this water, and we have a lot of great reasons that  
8 we articulated.

9           One thing I wanted to cover was the  
10 possibility that since private water may be only about  
11 15,000 acre-feet of the 164,000 acre-feet we believe  
12 was reserved to the river communities back in the late  
13 70s, that maybe only that water is the water that can  
14 be transferred and, therefore, there's somehow a cap  
15 that will protect us.

16           It's an interesting concept. Here's why we  
17 reject that: In the 15,000 there's lots of good  
18 private companies, private families, trusts, folks who  
19 are using this water; but outside of that there's  
20 people like MVIDD. They have 42,250 acres of water,  
21 82 percent of that is ag. water.

22           And two farmers testified this morning they  
23 want to sell that water. In the CAP contract, they  
24 didn't just want to sell the water, they had a contract  
25 to sell the water and the land. I believe the purchase

1 price was 34 million dollars. CAP in the end rejected  
2 that, but we could lose not just 15,000 but another  
3 82 percent of 42,000, another 30,000.

4 And then finally Cibola. Cibola District  
5 still has 9,126. This is water that is in the Cibola  
6 area, and this is a private party. What's to stop that  
7 district from trying to sell their water?

8 And then there are all of Wade's districts.  
9 Wade's districts went out the door with Wade when he  
10 left today, but let me just say on their behalf if we  
11 allow this sale, then those districts are next in line.

12 And the highest bidder is not in Queen Creek.  
13 It's in Los Angeles. Water on the river can go up and  
14 down, north and south.

15 Yes, Mohave did transfer water up. Ehrenberg  
16 did transfer water up, and we salute those transfers  
17 using water up and down the river, but the water can  
18 never go east and west.

19 And if you open this market, Queen Creek will  
20 not be the winning bidder. Los Angeles will be the  
21 winning bidder. They have 19 million rape payers.

22 And judging by the Lakers, they know how to  
23 write checks.

24 We oppose this. Thank you. And I've got the  
25 nice sign that says stop. It doesn't say one minute.

1 It says stop. Thank you so much.

2 MS. KARTHA: That was the last speaker  
3 card. Is there anyone else who would like to speak?

4 MR. MULLION: Good afternoon. My name  
5 is Michael Mullion. And I'm a third generation farmer  
6 in the Palo Verde Valley and -- and the Cibola Valley.

7 My grandfather went to Cibola Valley in 1949,  
8 and he actually developed -- he brushed, cleared,  
9 leveled and built the canals for this particular  
10 ground, so our family has been farming this ground for  
11 70 years and -- and --

12 I lost my grandfather two years ago, but his  
13 dream was to actually sell this water. That's why he  
14 developed the land and ultimately sell it.

15 So I think the water is -- is owned by the  
16 farmers. We developed it. We wouldn't be having this  
17 discussion if it wasn't for -- for people like that  
18 that developed the land, so thank you.

19 MS. KARTHA: Is there anyone else that  
20 would like to speak?

21 Let the record reflect that no one else  
22 wishes to speak.

23 Is there anyone here who wishes to submit any  
24 written comments or evidence they have brought with  
25 them?

1           Let the record reflect that no one wishes to  
2 submit any written comments or evidence.

3           As I mentioned earlier, written comments  
4 maybe submitted until 5 p.m., December 16th, which is a  
5 Monday.

6           If you would like to submit written comments  
7 after the close of the meeting but no later than  
8 December 16th, please mail, fax or email them to Sharon  
9 Scantlebury, the Department's Docket Supervisor. Her  
10 fax number is 602-771-8686 and her email address is  
11 sscantlebury@azwater.gov.

12           If you would like to mail your comments, the  
13 mailing address is: Arizona Department of Water  
14 Resources, Attention Sharon Scantlebury, Docket  
15 Supervisor. PO Box 36020, Phoenix, AZ 85067.

16           This public meeting is now adjourned. Thank  
17 you all for attending and providing comments.

18           (WHEREUPON, the public hearing was  
19 adjourned.)

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